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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JANUARY 28 ON REVIEWING ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a meeting January 28 in Rockville, Maryland, to obtain public comments on possible development of criteria for review of candidate and alternative sites for commercial nuclear power plants.

The meeting will be held in the agency's Two White Flint North Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The NRC's environmental protection responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) call for a review of alternative sites when deciding whether to grant an application for an early site permit, a construction permit or a combined construction/operating license for a nuclear power plant. The NRC has used general non-binding guidance on alternative sites in reviewing applications. At the meeting the agency will consider comments in deciding whether to develop a regulation to specifically define the criteria for this review. The meeting will also cover whether and how the NRC should consider emergency planning in reviewing alternative sites.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the meeting should register before the meeting with Lee Banic, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; e-mail mjb@nrc.gov; telephone: 301/415-2771. Depending on the number of participants, NRC may need to limit the amount of time available for presentations. Members of the public will also be able to register to speak at the meeting on a first-come basis to the extent that time permits.

Staff guidance for reviewing an application for an early site permit, construction permit or combined license is contained in its "Environmental Standard Review Plan," NUREG-1555. A copy of this document is available at the NRC's Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville. It is also accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under the following ADAMS accession number:

ML003702134. Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the Public Document Room at 1/800/397-4209 or 301/415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov .

Single copies of NUREG-1555 are available from Lee Banic at the above address and phone number.

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